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Trudovak Units

1. A Trudovak unit, [] is located in Kharmanlii; this is probably a company. Kostadin Khristov, 23, from Sveti Vrach, served in this unit. A Trudovak unit, [], is located in Izvorite (N 43-42, E 22-48) Belogradchik Okoliya. Georgi Aleksandrov Mechkarov, 25, from Petrovo, Sveti Vrach Okoliya served in this unit. The unit is excavating ditches and constructing fortifications. 25X1
2. Sometime prior to 1950, a tall antenna composed of a main tower approximately 20 meters high with four metal cables running from the top to the ground forming a pyramid was constructed approximately 200-250 meters northwest of the crossroads of the Sofia-Petrich and Sveti Vrach-Gara Sveti Vrach roads at point N 41-33, E 23-16, on a small elevation. Around the main antenna, and at a height of approximately 12-15 meters, there are wooden pillars connected by wires; from a distance the appearance is that of a spider web. There are no houses around the antenna, only tents. The radio post is operated by three radio officers: two junior lieutenants and one senior lieutenant, who probably live in Sveti Vrach. An unidentified number of soldiers are also attached to the post. [] this is an antiaircraft installation. 25X1

Recall of Military Personnel

3. [] the following men recalled for temporary training: 25X1
 - a. Georgi Iliev Popov, [] 25X1

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b. Aleksandŭr Ivanov Vŭzov, [REDACTED]

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c. Pavel Dimitrov Pavlov, [REDACTED]

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4. In late June 1952, in Tsŭrkva (N 42-36, E 23-07), Sofia Okoliya, [REDACTED] 50-60 men between the ages of 30-40 getting off a train. They were civilians and were accompanied by some officers. They looked like office workers. [REDACTED] a group dressed in officers' summer uniforms, carrying small new bags, heading toward the military camp located east of the city. [REDACTED] this is the same group getting off the train. The same day approximately 200-300 civilians between the ages of 25-35, some of whom were peasants, others city people, arrived in the village of Tsŭrkva. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
5. During October 1952, Ivan Belev, [REDACTED] Secretary of the Party in Sveti Vrach, was called up for military service and subsequently took leave in Sveti Vrach. He was wearing an officer's uniform and had the rank of major. Prior to 9 September 1944 he was not an officer. 25X1
6. During February 1953, approximately 20-30 persons from Sveti Vrach were called up for service by means of a "quick call-up" (bŭrzi povikvatelni) and with knapsacks and led by an officer, set out on foot early in the morning on the Sofia road. Approximately four kilometers outside the town the group was joined by an officer on horseback from the Military District, who sent them back to Sveti Vrach where they were immediately dismissed. It was rumored that this was trial mobilization to test the reaction of the local population.
7. On 7 June 1953 Angel Khristov Kekhayov, [REDACTED] an employee at a forest enterprise (Gorskoto Stopanstvo), a member of the DSNM, was called up by means of a "quick call-up order" (sus bŭrza povikvatelna zapoved) to appear at the military district for mobilization. [REDACTED] others had to appear with him. 25X1 25X1
8. [REDACTED] at the time of the check of the VOS made in February 1953 a large number of Trudovaks from the 1926, 1927, 1928, and 1929 classes were transferred to the regular Army. He also thinks that toward the end of 1952 all young men from the 1933 class, who for some reason (i.e. students or those deferred for illnesses, etc.) had not served, were called up for service or training. 25X1

Fortifications near Sveti Vrach

9. [REDACTED] infantry trenches excavated during 1951 about 500 meters west of Sveti Vrach. The line begins somewhere in a field near the river between Vŭlkovo (N 41-34, E 23-14), Sveti Vrach Okoliya, and approximately 500 meters east of the road and Sofia-Petrich railroad line. It continues in a southern direction through a place known as "Padinata", cuts across the Rechichka river (called Gyumendza river on the map) and runs through a place known as "Uchitsa" approximately 1-1.5 kilometers west of the crossroads of the Sofia-Petrich and Sveti Vrach-Gara Sveti Vrach roads, cutting across the Sofia-Petrich road, and heads southwest and ends somewhere near the railroad line. 25X1

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10. Another trench begins northwest of Sveti Vrach, approximately 500 meters east of the road to Sofia and heads directly south and stops near a barracks. The line is approximately 500 meters long and was also excavated in 1951. The trenches are approximately 1.20-1.30 meters deep and approximately one meter wide; the walls are lined with woven branches. Small breastworks are located along the length of the trenches, starting at their southwestern end; there are a few gaps. At certain points in front of the trenches, there were gun emplacements with a diameter of approximately one meter. These were constructed of bricks without mortar.

Bunkers

On a height situated northwest of Sveti Vrach, approximately 500 meters from the Sofia-Sveti Vrach road, there are two bunkers each with one opening facing west. The bunkers were excavated at the point of highest elevation in order that they not be observed by anyone from any direction; they are reached by means of steps. The bunkers are approximately two meters high inside and are round; they are about four meters in diameter, each having two side niches approximately 1 x 2 meters. The walls of the bunkers are constructed of bricks made of a cement mixture. The roof is of concrete with 20-30 centimeters of dirt between the cement slabs and is level with the slope of the hill. Stairs lead up to the bunkers from the southern side of the hill through an entrance one meter wide.

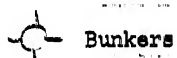
11. On the same height approximately 300 meters north of the above-mentioned bunkers and at a slightly lower level, in the rocks and on the slope, three more bunkers have been constructed. Informant could give no details concerning these bunkers, but did know that there were three of them.
12. Some bunkers have been constructed approximately 100-200 meters southwest of the crossroads of the Sofia-Petrich and Sveti Vrach-Gara Sveti Vrach roads and about 100 meters north of the river and south and just beyond the road to the station (Gara Sveti Vrach). These bunkers are built of stone and have their openings facing the road to Petrich. [redacted] they had been constructed in 1951.

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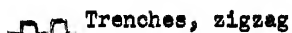
13. The following legend refers to a sketch, [redacted], showing fortifications in the Sveti Vrach area and included as Appendix A on page 5.

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1. Sveti Vrach (now Sandanski)
2. Barracks area of Sveti Vrach
3. Sveti Vrach railway station
4. Lebnitsa village, Sveti Vrach Okoliya
5. Vŭlkovo village, Sveti Vrach Okoliya
6. Polenitsa village, Sveti Vrach Okoliya
7. Leshnitsa village, Sveti Vrach Okoliya
8. Struma river
9. Sofia-Petrich railway line
10. Sofia-Petrich highway
11. Observation Post of VNOS (Vŭrydushno Nablyudavane Opovestyavane i Sŭobshtavane; Air Observation, Information, and Communications)



Bunkers



Trenches, zigzag

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New Tank Barracks Near Sukhodol, Sofia Okoliya14. 25X1

15. The barracks area includes a section 600 x 300 meters in size where the following buildings have been constructed:

- a. Two large 3-story buildings 40 x 25 meters in size;
- b. One building 50 x 20 meters in size;
- c. One 1-story building 25 x 15 meters in size, to be used as a dispensary; and
- d. One 1-story building 20 x 10 meters in size, to be used as a repair shop.

16. In the western section of the barracks area there were some 3-story buildings,

In the repair shop 15-20 tanks were lined up, most of them being covered with canvasses. The tanks were of various types; some of them compared to T-34/76s. The barracks' sleeping quarters housed approximately 100-150 soldiers. Approximately 30-40 officers ate in the officers' mess.

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17. At this time notices from the Ministry of National Defense were posted in the barracks and concerned a soldier who caught a diversionist near the barracks area. The soldier in question was promoted to the rank of junior lieutenant. No further details.

18. The following legend refers to a sketch based on a free-hand drawing showing the barracks area of a tank unit near Sukhodol village, Sveti Vrach Okoliya, and included as Appendix B on page 6.

1. Barracks, a 3-story building
2. A 3-story building, use unknown
3. Hospital
4. Tank repair shop
5. Bakery
6. Offices
7. Pioneer polygon (field)
8. Open-air parking area for tanks; approximately 15-20 tanks (T-34/46) were observed here.
9. Area comprising an unidentified number of barracks buildings, mostly 3-story.
10. Sofia-Sukhodol highway

*** Barbed wire fence

Wall

■ Post

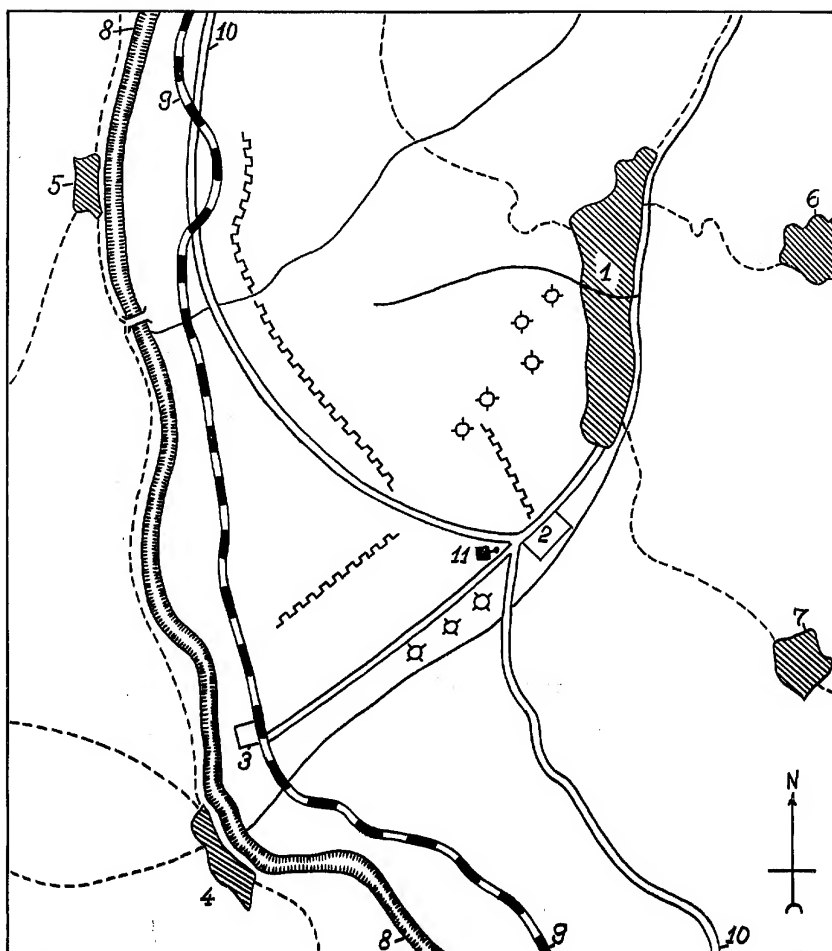
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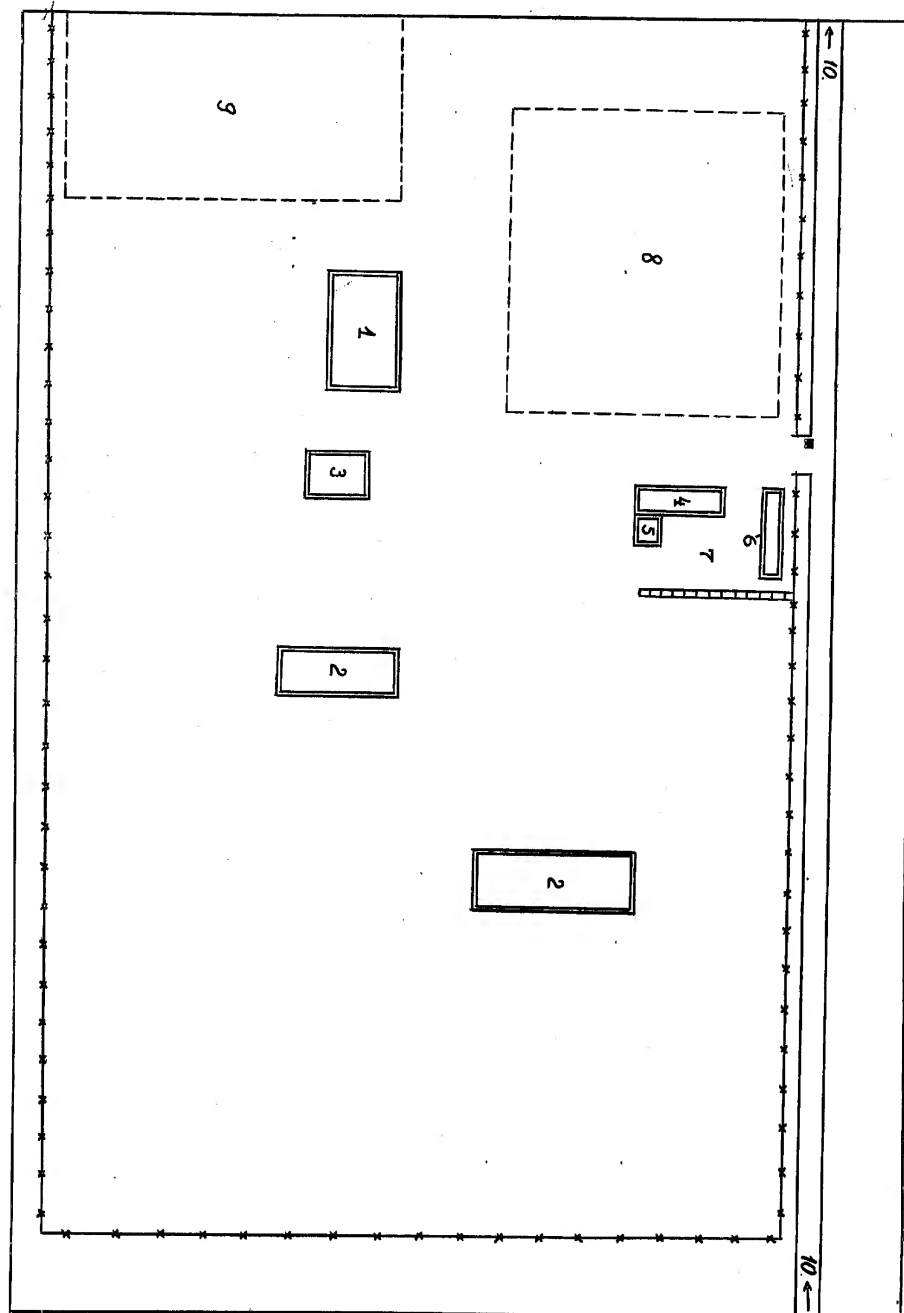
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Personalities in the Administration of Belene Concentration Camp

1. The following is a list of prominent personalities in the administration of Belene Concentration Camp (1949 to 1951):

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- a. Angel Kúrtev, a major as of early 1951;

- b. St. Kitov,

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c. Krantev (fnu),

d. Nikolov (fnu),

e. Silvestrov (fnu),

f. Marin (lnu), UNCODED

g. Zdravko (lnu),

h. Petür Gogov "Pes", UNCODED

i. Davkov (fnu),

j. Ivanka Boneva,

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k. Ivan (lmu),

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l. Donevski (fnu),

m. Lyuben Gumnerov.

Inmates of the Belene Concentration Camp

2. The following is a list of inmates of the Belene concentration camp during the period 1949-1951:

a. Boyan Mungov,

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b. Atanas Boyanov Mungov

c. Khristo Kolev Khristov,

d. Boris Mikhov,

e. Dimo Dimitrov Tan

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f. Kostadin Stefanov Tonov,

g. Vasil Gugalov,

h. Kostadin Stoyanov Popov,

i. Strakhil Dimitrov,

j. Dimitŭr Dimchev, "Dimcheto",

k. Dimitŭr Sirakov,

l. Georgi Minev,

m. Georgi Sirakov,

n. Dimitŭr Gutsin,

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o. Ivan Naydenov Popov,

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p. Dacho Dimitrov,

q. Georgi Stoev,

r. Kiril Yosifov Ponov.

s. Kosta Karakostov

t. Angel Zapryanov,

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u. Stefan Moychev

v. Boris Iliev Chandzhiev,

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w. Petăr Nikolov Šurčinski.

x. Asen Šurčinski.

y. Slavi Ignatov pop Ignatov.

z. Mincho Panov.

aa. Mincho Drundarevski.

bb. Petăr Bozhinov.

cc. Petăr Andonov.

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dd. Georgi Tsvetinchev,

ee. Vulcho Angelov,

ff. Borislav Georgiev Myankov,

gg. Georgi Karamikhaylov,

hh. Dr. Konstantin Kantarev,

ii. Valentin Kirilov Momchev,

jj. Boris Kharalampiev,

kk. Stoyan Boshkov, engineer,

ll. Metodi Kostadinov Bakalov, engineer,

mm. Slaveyko Ivanov Pavlov,

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